Method for automatically matching graphic elements and phonetic elements

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ABSTRACT

The invention derives automatically segmenting any graphic chain into graphemes and any phonetic chain into phonemes from transcriptions graphic chains (words) into phonetic chains. First probabilities (P(gi|pi)) transcriptions of graphic elements into phonetic elements are estimated (E2). For each transcription of a given graphic chain with M graphic elements corresponding phonetic chain with N phonetic elements, second probabilities $(P(g_1, ..., g_m | p_1, ..., p_n))$ of MN second transcriptions of M graphic chains successively concatenating the M graphic elements into N phonetic chains successively concatenating the N phonetic elements are determined. Links between the last elements (qm, pn) of the graphic and phonetic chains of transcriptions are established in order to constitute in an M×N matrix a path segmenting the given graphic chain into graphemes corresponding to respective phonemes segmenting the corresponding phonetic chain.